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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

FREDERICK B. SHAW,
CHARLES A. LANGMAID,
GEORGE W. LAKE.

TOWN CLERK.

ALBERT S. DAME.

TOWN TREASURER.

WALTER S. LANGMAID.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN K. TOWLE.

AUDITORS.

LEWIS W. TOWLE,
NOAH G. EDMUNDS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ARTHUR A. GROVES,
LESTER W. HUTCHINSON,
GEORGE W. LAKE.

ROAD AGENTS.

CHARLES BAILEY,
OSCAR I. GREEN,
JOHN K. TOWLE.

HEALTH OFFICERS.

OTIS T. MAXFIELD,
LEWIS W. TOWLE,
CHARLES J. SHAW.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY, APRIL 1, 1897.

Polls, 179	\$17,900.00
Acres, 12,382	207,945.00
Horses, 254	11,493.00
Oxen, 34	1,837.00
Cows, 470	11,057.00
Other neat stock, 166	3,062.00
Sheep, 206	609.00
Fowls, 50	20.00
Cash on hand	2,217.00
Stock in bank	16,726.00
Stock in trade	7,410.00
Mills and machinery	1,300.00
Buildings not designated	1,040.00
Total valuation	<u>\$282,616.00</u>

AMOUNT OF TAXES.

Voted by the town	\$3,000.00
Repairing town house	75.00
Voted by school district	300.00
Over-lay	34.86
	<u>\$3,409.86</u>

Rate per cent. \$1.18 per \$100.00

CASH RECEIPTS.

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Railroad tax	\$527.28
Savings bank tax	1,179.77
Literary fund	79.98
	<u>\$1,787.03</u>

RECEIVED OF COUNTY.

Support of poor	\$155.00
Received of Harry S. Kelley for one trip out of town with hearse	2.00
Received of Walter C. Batchelder overdrawn high- way order	3.85

EXPENDITURES.

PAID BY ORDER ON TOWN TREASURER.

State tax	\$940.00
County tax,	914.67
Treasurer of school board	1,387.18
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	\$3,241.85

COUNTY PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid Dr. F. H. Sargent, medical aid to child of Mrs. Lizzie Duplace	\$54.00
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to Joseph Marston and family	25.00
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to Alvin Marston	24.00
H. T. Leavitt, groceries and pro- visions to Mitchell Herbert	52.00
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	\$155.00

TOWN PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to G. W. Hall	\$33.00
Joseph Morse, groceries and pro- visions to G. W. Hall	28.68
A. L. Sanborn, wood to G. W. Hall	13.00
C. M. Knowles, by order of health officer, work rendered G. W. Hall	5.00
Mrs. N. P. Dow, by order of health officers, work rendered G. W. Hall	5.00
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	\$84.68

Paid Dr. F. H. Sargent, medical aid to	
Mrs. William Warren	\$12.50
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to	
O. S. Bennett	1.00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid James F. Towle, loss of cow	\$0.29
Fred O. Sanborn, loss by fire	2.36
Stephen R. Watson, loss of barn	5.90
Horace Carpenter, loss of cow29
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	\$8.84

F. L. WINSLOW, COLLECTOR, 1896.

Paid Lewis Bishop	\$1.77
Waldo Hartford	1.77
William Littlefield	1.42
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	\$4.96

J. K. TOWLE, COLLECTOR.

Paid Lewis Bishop	\$1.73
John H. Oxford	1.18
T. M. Page, heirs of24
Irving Twombly	1.18
Fred L. Towle	1.18
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	\$5.51

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational society	\$23.76
Methodist society	16.77
Baptist society	11.32
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	\$51.85

ROAD AGENTS, 1896.

Paid W. C. Batchelder	\$52.74
Charles Bailey	61.10
Oscar I. Green	48.10
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	\$161.94

Paid Charles Bailey	\$688.46	
Charles Bailey, repairing road machine	43.45	
Oscar I. Green	684.63	
John K. Towle	698.79	
	<hr/>	\$2,115.33

PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

Paid Asa F. Hutchinson	\$3.00	
C. A. Langmaid, 1896 and 1897 .	6.00	
James Hook	3.00	
J. F. Leavitt	2.50	
George M. Warren	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$17.50

REPAIR OF TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Freeman Marden, door	\$2.50	
W. Carpenter, paint materials .	9.96	
Danforth, Forrest & Morgan, sheathing, moulding, etc. .	19.54	
Humphrey Dodge Co., locks, hinges	2.28	
Franklin Brown, work	10.50	
	<hr/>	\$44.78

PERAMBULATING TOWN LINES.

Paid G. W. Lane, Loudon and Chiches- ter line, one half of bill	\$2.00	
C. A. Langmaid	2.00	
G. W. Lake	2.00	
F. B. Shaw	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$8.00
Paid G. W. Lane, Pembroke and Chi- chester line, one half of bill	\$2.00	
C. A. Langmaid	2.00	
G. W. Lake	2.00	
F. B. Shaw	2.00	
George West, dinners	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$9.00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Ginn & Co., school supplies .	\$4.75	
Werner School Book Co., school supplies	18.24	
Franklin Pub. Co., one set school charts	16.00	
Ginn & Co., school supplies .	3.60	
E. B. Ring, school supplies .	.96	
American Book Co., school supplies	4.13	
Thompson & Brown, school supplies . . . . .	.50	
J. Morse, crayons	1.00	
E. C. Eastman, school supplies .	55.57	
	<hr/>	\$104.75

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Lester W. Hutchinson, member of school board	\$35.00	
Arthur A. Groves, member of school board	37.00	
G. M. Warren, auditor in 1896 .	1.50	
Albert S. Dame, town clerk .	15.00	
Albert S. Dame, district clerk .	1.50	
Benning Sanborn, for collecting taxes 1895 . . . . .	.21	
O. T. Maxfield, health officer .	2.50	
Frank L. Winslow, for collecting taxes 1896	1.79	
Charles Lake, treasurer of school board part of year	1.50	
Charles Lake, auditor 1896 .	1.50	
John K. Towle, collecting taxes .	45.00	
Walter S. Langmaid, town treasurer	25.00	
G. W. Lake, member of school board	30.00	
F. B. Shaw, services as selectman	60.00	

Paid F. B. Shaw, services as overseer of poor	\$7.00	
C. A. Langmaid, services as selectman	50.00	
C. A. Langmaid, services as overseer of poor	4.00	
G. W. Lake, services as selectman	47.00	
G. W. Lake, services as overseer of poor	3.00	
Frank D. French, constable 2 years	10.00	
A. L. West, treasurer of school board, part of year	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$382.00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid E. C. Eastman, inventory and index books	\$2.60	
Ladies aid society, dinners to election officers . . . . .	.90	
Democratic Press Co., printing town reports	38.50	
C. Pelissier, 1 pair horse blankets for hearse use	8.50	
E. C. Eastman, tax book and appointment blanks	1.02	
Ira C. Evans, printing 575 ballots	5.00	
Dr. A. H. French, returning of births and deaths	2.00	
Edward S. Cook, legal advice .	2.00	
Democratic Press Co., printing posters	1.50	
E. C. Eastman, session laws .	1.00	
J. B. Sanborn Co., letter file .	1.00	
C. A. Langmaid, lodging transients	5.00	
G. W. Lake, lodging transients .	1.00	
C. A. Langmaid, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord fitted wood for town house . . .	1.87	

Paid Harry S. Kelley, 4 trips with hearse	\$8.00
A. S. Dame, recording births, deaths and marriages in 1896 .	2.20
A. S. Dame, recording births, deaths, and marriages . . .	2.40
A. S. Dame, dog license book .	2.00
A. S. Dame, express on books .	.90
A. S. Dame, stationery and postage	1.00
O. T. Maxfield, fumigating Mrs. Lock's house	2.00
E. B. Ring, disinfectants for Mrs. Lock's house . . . . .	.75
F. B. Shaw, postage and stationery	1.00
interest on note at Pittsfield bank	4.50
E. C. Eastman, 6 town warrants	.30
S. W. Langmaid, board of town officers	9.25
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	\$106.19

RECAPITULATION.

Paid state and county, and treasurer of school board	\$3,241.85
county pauper account	155.00
town pauper account	98.18
abatements	19.31
religious societies	51.85
agents of highways	2,277.27
public watering places	17.50
repairing town house	44.78
school books and supplies	104.75
town officers	382.00
incidental expenses	106.19
perambulating town lines	17.00
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Total amount of orders on treasurer	\$6,515.68

F. B. SHAW,
C. A. LANGMAID,
G. W. LAKE,

Selectmen of Chichester.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the selectmen for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1898, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

N. G. EDMUNDS,
L. W. TOWLE,

Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash on hand February 15, 1897	\$865.83
Received of Benning Sanborn, collector in 1895	14.51
F. L. Winslow, collector in 1896	117.96
John K. Towle, collector in 1897	3,160.00
selectmen, money overdrawn by W. C. Batchelder	3.85
selectmen, railroad tax	527.28
“ savings bank tax	1,179.77
“ literary fund	79.98
“ county pauper ac- count	155.00
selectmen, use of hearse	2.00
“ money hired of Pittsfield bank	300.00
Albert S. Dame, clerk, dog license	67.20
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$6,473.38

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Paid town orders drawn by selectmen	6,461.68
Cash in hands of treasurer, February 15, 1898	\$11.70

WALTER S. LANGMAID,
Treasurer.

TOWN FUND.

Parsonage fund loaned the town	\$864.66
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TOWN PROPERTY.

Town house at cost	\$475.00
Hearse and hearse house	500.00
Harnesses at cost	45.00
Horse blankets	8.50
Road machine	250.00
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	1,278.50

DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$11.70
Due from F. L. Winslow, collector in 1896	7.54
Due from J. K. Towle, collector in 1897	174.75
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	193.99

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Parsonage fund	\$864.66
Note at Pittsfield bank	300.00
Outstanding bill	54.00
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	\$1,218.66
Due the town	193.99
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Indebtedness of town February 15, 1898	\$1,024.67

WALTER S. LANGMAID,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the town treasurer for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1898, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

N. G. EDMUNDS,

L. W. TOWLE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

W. C. Batchelder in account with the town of Chichester :

Paid J. Moses	\$2.25	
Charles Elliott	2.00	
A. A. Groves . . . . .	.50	
W. C. Batchelder	7.00	
J. D. West	10.39	
G. W. West	4.35	
R. W. Dame	2.50	
Dudley Towle	1.35	
J. Garvin	8.15	
J. F. Leavitt	4.25	
David Cadrett	1.05	
David Moses	2.10	
James Hook	1.50	
F. D. French	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$48.89

Charles Bailey, in account with the town of Chichester for 1896.

Received by order of selectmen on treasurer :

Paid A. M. Drake	\$2.50	
W. S. Langmaid	10.50	
L. W. Hutchinson	4.00	
N. G. Edmunds	3.00	
C. Bailey	15.27	
J. L. Saturley	6.00	
E. M. Reed	7.85	
B. M. Bailey	4.60	
C. Ordway	1.00	
E. H. Blood	3.38	
Fred A. O'Meara	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$61.10

Charles Bailey in account with the town of Chichester.

Received by order of selectmen on treasurer :

Paid F. B. Shaw	\$8.00
W. C. Batchelder	12.40
G. W. Towle	4.75
D. R. Towle . . . .	.30
F. A. O'Meara	10.00
Dudley Towle	2.00
John Shaw	2.50
E. J. Lake	8.75
Charles Durgin	7.40
Frank Brown	3.38
J. E. Rand	5.65
A. L. Edmunds	9.88
J. G. Cate	5.56
A. L. Sanborn	10.00
W. S. Langmaid	19.25
E. M. Reed	13.30
George Twombly	6.00
Charles Bailey	22.80
J. L. Saturley	15.00
N. G. Edmunds	10.00
H. M. Sanborn	26.50
J. K. Towle	11.00
H. W. Moore	3.15
C. H. Towle	5.00
R. Carpenter	6.75
G. A. Bailey	4.45
C. A. Langmaid	29.75
A. A. Groves	7.00
H. L. Sanborn	1.50
C. S. Towle	3.00
J. M. Mitchell	5.00
G. M. Munsey	8.61
S. B. Munsey	4.50
J. R. Munsey	3.00
H. B. Langley	14.25

Paid L. W. Hutchinson	.	.	.	\$15.00
C. Bailey	.	.	.	27.00
J. F. Leavitt	.	.	.	10.30
N. G. Edmunds	.	.	.	10.00
O. F. Davis	.	.	.	5.70
J. K. Towle	.	.	.	9.50
W. F. Call	.	.	.	1.80
G. Twombly	.	.	.	3.00
E. H. Blood	.	.	.	5.00
F. B. Edmunds	.	.	.	6.00
C. N. Edmunds	.	.	.	1.50
C. H. Towle	.	.	.	3.00
J. Nickson	.	.	.	1.30
C. M. Edmunds	.	.	.	4.50
A. L. West	.	.	.	3.80
N. G. Edmunds	.	.	.	9.25
F. B. Edmunds	.	.	.	3.75
G. Twombly	.	.	.	3.00
J. L. Saturley	.	.	.	5.00
A. F. Hutchinson	.	.	.	5.00
L. W. Hutchinson	.	.	.	5.00
C. Knowles	.	.	.	1.50
G. M. Bailey	.	.	.	14.75
W. C. Batchelder	.	.	.	10.00
S. B. Munsey	.	.	.	2.42
G. Twombly	.	.	.	10.08
E. H. Blood	.	.	.	10.95
N. G. Edmunds	.	.	.	13.50
C. H. Towle	.	.	.	5.00
Charles Bailey	.	.	.	24.60
F. B. Edmunds	.	.	.	6.00
B. M. Bailey	.	.	.	7.75
L. W. Hutchinson	.	.	.	6.88
G. F. Morse	.	.	.	1.65
J. L. Saturley	.	.	.	24.20
A. S. Dame	.	.	.	3.00
H. M. Sanborn	.	.	.	9.10
H. W. Moore	.	.	.	1.80

Paid G. W. Towle	\$6.00	
A. Thompson	5.00	
B. M. Bailey	8.65	
J. L. Saturley	5.95	
W. S. Langmaid	17.95	
J. F. Leavitt	6.20	
E. Getish	2.55	
A. A. Groves	4.75	
Charles Bailey	11.65	
G. Twombly	3.60	
E. M. Reed	10.00	
F. A. O'Meara	3.50	
A. L. West . . . .	.70	
	<hr/>	\$688.46

Charles Bailey in account with the town of Chichester.

Received by order of selectmen on treasurer, for repairs on road machine		\$43.45
Paid J. Hadlock, 2 steel edges . .	\$16.00	
castings for machine	20.00	
freight . . . .	.50	
Good Roads Machine Co., for cast- ings	6.20	
express . . . .	.75	
	<hr/>	\$43.45

Oscar I. Green in account with town of Chichester for 1896.

Paid for labor :

Herman Bennett	\$.30
James Warren . . . .	.75
Ira Perry	4.58
G. H. Roby	6.65
J. B. Clifford	3.60
David Edgerly	2.41
J. T. Lake . . . .	.30
Oscar Green	19.73
Stephen C. Perkins	2.48
O. T. Maxfield	1.50

George Towle	\$1.00
E. C. Berry	3.35
David Twombly50
Joseph Morse50
E. E. Lane45
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	\$48.10

Report of Oscar I. Green for the town of Chichester for the year ending February 15, 1898 :

F. B. Shaw	\$10.50
O. S. Batchelder	10.50
F. L. Winslow	10.50
J. T. Lake	19.75
James Warren	9.00
Ira Perry	4.58
James Raud	3.00
G. M. Warren	7.50
S. T. Paige	7.20
L. W. Hutchinson	9.50
E. B Ring . . . . .	.80
Joseph Morse . . . . .	.54
John Goss	3.50
G. H. Roby	13.00
A. L. Sanborn	3.50
John Real	19.50
John Shaw	3.00
Andrew Mason	1.95
S. C. Bennett	2.25
Arthur C. Warren . . . . .	.75
Deroy Marston	2.55
John Mason . . . . .	.75
C. C. Perry	2.25
B. M. Tilton	1.20
S. A. Kelley . . . . .	.75
Plummer Marston . . . . .	.50
Charles Meserve	6.25
Henry Sanborn	13.87

A. A. Groves	\$7.88
Frank Locke	6.70
E. E. Lane	3.00
O. I. Greene	32.25
Herman Bennett	21.85
James F. Warren	45.70
J. T. Lake	16.45
Joseph Hussey	2.55
John Real	14.00
E. C. Green	2.25
Andrew Mason	1.95
Warren Hillard	3.15
Fred Fellows	7.45
Frank Marston	1.63
Oscar I. Green	33.75
Charles Meserve	2.70
Robylard	1.00
S. C. Bennett	10.00
J. B. Clifford	3.25
Frank Dennett	1.20
G. H. Roby	22.50
Ira Perry	6.60
E. E. Lane	3.00
A. L. Edmunds	3.30
Charles Carpenter	30.61
Oscar I. Greene	34.00
Christophas Perry . . . . .	.75
Ben Bullard	1.50
John Mason	1.50
P. S. Elliott	3.86
Frank Clough	5.70
E. B. Ring	2.22
Charles Shaw	3.75
A. L. West	1.78
Joseph Morse . . . . .	.18
Oscar I. Greene	55.00

 \$563.90

BREAKING ROADS.

J. S. Marston	\$4.05	
J. W. Severance	4.50	
Herman Bennett	4.80	
Frank Marston	2.05	
Leroy Marston	2.55	
Arthur C. Warren . . . . .	.75	
James F. Warren	2.55	
G. M. Warren	1.75	
Frank Clough	1.95	
James Smith . . . . .	.60	
O. I. Greene	20.10	
S. C. Bennett	4.51	
John Mason . . . . .	.83	
Andrew Mason . . . . .	.55	
David Edgerly	2.33	
Charles Meserve	2.85	
Ira Perry . . . . .	.80	
E. Perkins	1.00	
G. W. Lake	15.47	
L. W. Hutchinson . . . . .	.50	
Frank Lane	2.24	
E. C. Berry	4.50	
C. F. Lane	2.55	
E. E. Lane	2.22	
Fred W. Watson	9.07	
J. B. Clifford	8.56	
Fred Fellows	3.90	
Oscar Greene	5.25	
Christophas Perry60	
G. H. Roby	4.50	
Stephen C. Perkins	2.85	
	<hr/>	\$120.73
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		\$684.63

John K. Towle in account with the town of Chichester :

Paid John L. Saturley . . .	\$12.00
Gayton L. Kendall . . .	9.75
John K. Towle . . .	16.00
Jonathan Kendall . . .	3.00
Harrison W. Moore . . .	9.30
Charles H. Towle . . .	20.00
Robert U. Carpenter . . .	17.50
John K. Towle . . .	28.00
Henry M. Sanborn . . .	7.00
Adin G. Fowler . . .	3.35
Charles H. Elliott . . .	1.50
William D. Welcome . . .	3.00
George A. Bailey . . .	4.50
Frank D. French . . .	11.25
James Hook . . .	3.75
John K. Towle . . .	5.25
Francis Brown . . .	1.35
J. Frank Towle . . .	8.75
Lester W. Hutchinson . . .	16.00
Joseph Nickerson . . .	13.50
Fred E. Hook . . .	10.50
Sidney F. Smith . . .	5.00
Henry A. Colby . . .	2.55
John K. Towle . . .	16.00
Albert S. Dame . . .	10.50
Harrison W. Moore . . .	8.75
Hiram H. Frost . . .	12.75
Henry A. Colby . . .	12.30
Sidney F. Smith . . .	12.75
Charles H. Towle . . .	13.50
Charles Bailey . . .	19.50
Joseph Nickerson . . .	6.75
Morrison S. Batchelder . . .	15.15
Charles A. Towle . . .	14.50
Charles A. Langmaid . . .	34.00
John D. West . . .	31.75

Paid James P. Hook	\$3.75
LeClaire Towle	8.25
John K. Towle	7.50
John F. French	15.60
Frank D. French	19.50
Hiram H. Frost	1.50
David Moses	27.85
Adin G. Fowler	3.45
William D. Welcome	5.25
Charles H. Towle	2.35
Albert S. Dame	22.50
Lewis W. Towle	23.65
Hiram Stanyan	16.22
J. Frank Towle	18.50
George A. L. Towle	6.00
Jonathan Kendall	4.50
Frank M. Edgerly	4.00
Charles A. Langmaid	4.23
James Hook	1.25
George A. L. Towle	20.00
Albert S. Dame	3.87
Joshua Lane	3.50
F. Morse	2.10
A. M. Drake	4.95
Frank M. Edgerly	4.45
George S. Edgerly	1.77
Adrian Edgerly	1.95
Joseph Nickerson	4.50
John K. Towle	12.25
George A. L. Towle	5.00
Fred E. Hook	3.20
Jeremiah Garvin	9.75
George F. Davis	1.15
Arthur A. Groves	2.50
Augustus W. Thompson	1.00

 \$698.79

Charles Lake's account as agent of Marion D. Lake trust.

Income to be devoted to care of cemetery lot of Reuben Lake :

Capital	\$100.00
Invested by deposit in New Hampshire savings bank	100.00

INCOME RECEIVED.

Cash on hand	\$6.25
Interest due from January 1, 1897,	

GEORGE W. LAKE,

Executor Estate of Charles Lake.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The close of the year calls for the annual report of the school board. Necessarily, these reports, from year to year, differ but little one from the other. It is now generally conceded, by all intelligent people, that the public school system is one of the most important subjects that are considered in state legislatures and in congress.

Money is appropriated that our boys may become useful citizens.

In the quiet country town of Chichester this training for citizenship has been going on quietly and faithfully in the various districts throughout the town. Good work has been done by pupils and teachers; parents have expressed their pleasure and gratification at the progress made by their children.

The teachers were well prepared for their work, and each showed special adaption for the particular school committed to his or her care.

In District No. 1, the first two terms were taught by Miss Georgia Batchelder, who won the regard and esteem of pupils and parents. Much to the regret of the entire district Miss Batchelder declined to teach the winter term, and the place was taken by Miss Hannah Stanyan. Miss Stanyan, while well qualified to teach, hardly kept the school up to its former standing in discipline and scholarship.

In District No. 2 Miss Florence Stevens taught the entire year, doing excellent work. Especially to be commended was her rapid work in arithmetic with small scholars. Miss Stevens has a pleasing manner and many qualifications for success.

Miss Gyrta Bartlett taught the spring term in No. 5. Miss Bartlett has a peculiarly winning way and not only did her scholars respect her but enthusiastically loved her. Her gentle voice and pleasing methods would make friends for her in any school.

The fall term was taught by F. Lenore Towle, who has taught several terms in this and other towns. Her methods were modern and she taught a good school. Miss Towle commenced the winter term, but on account of ill health was obliged to resign. Miss Bartlett was asked to finish the year, which she did in her usual successful manner.

Miss Mary Kimball, who taught the spring term in No. 6, was a lady of good education and kindly manners. She won for herself warm friends in the district but was somewhat lax in her disciplinary measures.

Miss Annie Tasker who taught the fall and winter terms was just the person to straighten out a school that had made for itself a disorderly name. While some of her methods may have been questionable, she did a good work and greatly improved the standard of the school.

Miss Griffin, who taught the spring and fall terms in No. 8, was a woman of experience and fine character, having had besides her teaching experience the honor of being a member of the school board in her own town. She vastly improved the mental and moral condition of the school; but as it required much more muscular than intellectual effort, Miss Griffin being a literary lady and tiring of such severe reformatory measures, declined to teach the winter term. Her position was taken by Mr. John Brown, who for a certain element in the school was the right man in the right place. There are some specimens of the rising generation who have utterly no respect for moral suasion and only yield obedience to the muscle of a man's arm and the quiver of a birch stick.

It goes without saying that more money would make better schools. The money appropriated has been thoughtfully expended, and yet there is a crying need for other improvements. Right here it might be well to caution the boys and girls to take better care of the books loaned them by the town. They are not a gift as some suppose, but are paid for by the taxes contributed from the hard earned wages of these same pupils' parents.

The school houses and out buildings should be often and carefully inspected by teachers and school officials, and neatness taught in all things.

Ventilation is a vexed question in most public buildings. Too many of our country school houses are built with little or no consideration of this important subject. Many a child goes from school with a raging headache or faintness, and it is thought he has studied too hard when, in fact, he has merely poisoned his lungs with impure air. Some attempt at improvement along this line has been made by putting transoms over the doors. New chairs have been supplied for all the schools, a modern desk for the teacher in No. 2, and the Horse Corner school house has been repainted. Some other miscellaneous repairs have been made.

ARTHUR A. GROVES,
L. W. HUTCHINSON,
GEORGE W. LAKE.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the chairman of the school board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

OLIVER DRAKE,
W. S. LANGMAID,
Auditors.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

FIRST TERM.

Essie A. Clough,	Lula A. Fellows,
Nettie B. Dailey,	Charles T. Lane,
Ida R. Edgerly,	Earl C. Clough.
Sarah I. Lane,	

SECOND TERM.

Sarah I. Lane,	Nettie B. Dailey,
Elsie M. Lane,	Ida R. Edgerley,
Lula A. Fellows,	Charles T. Lane.
Ada M. Hilliard,	

THIRD TERM.

Charles T. Lane.

DISTRICT No. 2.

FIRST TERM.

Charlie W. Lake,	Kathryn Shaw,
Wilmer E. Winslow,	Sophia F. Towle.
Mary S. Shaw,	

SECOND TERM.

Sophia F. Towle,	Georgia R. M. Towle,
Bertha A. Towle,	Bessie A. Towle.
Grace A. Towle,	

THIRD TERM.

Mary S. Shaw,	Sophia F. Towle,
Kathryn Shaw,	Bertha Towle.

DISTRICT No. 5.

FIRST TERM.

Trueworthy L. Fowler,	Elmer J. Towle,
Chester B. Colby,	Clarence S. Towle.
Leroy Welcome,	

SECOND TERM.

Minnie E. Batchelder,	Iva Towle,
Minnie L. Fowler,	Clara E. Towle,
Trueworthy L. Fowler,	Clarence S. Towle.

THIRD TERM.

Clara E. Towle,	Trueworthy L. Fowler,
Minnie L. Fowler,	Clarence S. Towle.
Elmer J. Towle,	

DISTRICT No. 6.

FIRST TERM.

Sadee Groves,	Oscar Drew.
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SECOND TERM.

Ettabell A. Brown,	Saidee A. Langmaid,
Oscar Drew,	Grace L. Saturley.
Phil Kendall,	

THIRD TERM.

Ettabell A. Brown,	Arthur Kendall,
Oscar Drew,	Lucius Groves,
Phil Kendall,	Ruth F. Sanborn,
Saidee Langmaid,	George H. Sheldon,
Grace L. Saturley,	Eddie Edmunds,
Howard J. Saturley,	Celia Longley,
Elmer S. Kendall,	Clara Longly.
Harriet Kendall,	

DISTRICT No. 8.

FIRST TERM.

Eva Giroward,	John C. Langmaid.
Gertrude Merrill,	

SECOND TERM.

Eva Giroward,	John C. Langmaid,
Helen H. Langmaid,	John C. Rich,
Gertrude Merrill,	Lawrence West.

THIRD TERM.

Caroline Brown,	Gertrude Merrill.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Charles Lake, treasurer of the school district of Chichester, in account with said district :

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, March 1, 1897	\$1.00
from town treasurer	450.00
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	\$451.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. T. Leavitt, for supplies	\$0.85
G. W. Lane, proportion of school money in 1896	10.00
Mrs. Greenough, proportion of school money in 1896	10.00
J. E. Rand, for fitting 1½ cord wood . . . . .	.75
Mrs. L. W. Hutchinson, for cleaning two schoolhouses	3.25
Ida Groves, for cleaning school house	2.50
Charles Lake, for 3 cords wood	10.00
Emma F. Griffin, for teaching	100.00
Florence A. Stevens, for teaching	60.00
E. Georgia Bachelder, for teaching	65.00
Mary L. Kimball, for teaching	99.00
Jeremy L. Sanborn, for wood	1.25
Gyrta Bartlett, for teaching	65.00
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Total	\$427.60
Balance on hand	23.40

GEORGE W. LAKE,

Executor.

Account of A. L. West :

RECEIPTS.

To cash from former treasurer	\$23.40
Cash from J. H. Dolbeer, tuition scholars from Epsom	21.00
From town treasurer	937.18
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Total receipts	\$971.58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Humphrey Dodge Co., for supplies . . .	\$5.56
J. M. Stewart & Co., chairs and desks . . .	18.25
George E. Ordway, labor on Horse Corner school house	10.50
C. H. Martin & Co., paint and oil for Horse Corner school house	13.73
Frank H. George, stove and pipe for Horse Corner school house	12.70
Danforth, Forrest & Morgan, for lumber for Horse Corner school house	17.13
W. Carpenter for door for Horse Corner school house	1.85
A. S. Dame, for cash paid for cleaning Horse Corner school house	2.00
W. F. & W. E. Call, for painting Horse Corner school house	9.80
F. D. French, drawing lumber for Horse Corner school house	3.00
Seth Saltmarsh, labor on Horse Corner school house	7.00
J. F. Towle, labor at Horse Corner school house	3.75
A. A. Groves, labor and supplies	15.10
J. S. Merrill, express charges	2.20
L. W. Towle, wood	12.68
N. G. Edmunds, wood	8.75
C. F. Lane, conveying scholars	17.50
H. W. Osgood, window shades	2.80
E. B. Ring, paint and oil	2.86
M. S. Batchelder, labor on Centre school house . . . . .	.75
P. A. Batchelder, building fires . . . . .	.90
Ida A. Groves, washing floor at Center . . . . .	.75
G. W. Lake, for wood and freight bill paid	9.20
Minnie A. Towle, cleaning Bear Hill school house	2.00
J. L. T. Shaw, glass and setting same . . . . .	.85

Paid J. E. Rand, fitting wood	\$1.15
I. B. Perry, fitting wood . . . .	.60
C. R. Sanborn, labor and stock furnished .	2.25
Mrs. N. Marden, conveying scholars . .	15.50
F. E. Towle, wood	2.75
Benning Sanborn, kindling wood	1.00
Howard Saturley, janitor 2 terms	7.50
H. T. Leavitt, supplies	1.61
G. W. Towle, fitting wood	1.55
Susie B. Towle, kindling fires in 1896 . .	2.00
J. G. Cate, wood and labor	4.00
J. L. Sanborn, for wood	1.60
J. K. Towle, for conveying scholars . . .	2.75
Clarence Towle, janitor	2.15
Albert Haines, supplies . . . .	.33
F. Lenore Towle, teaching 11 weeks . . .	71.50
Emma F. Griffin, teaching 10 weeks . . .	100.00
Florence A. Stevens, teaching 19 weeks .	114.00
Annie C. Tasker, teaching 19 weeks . . .	190.00
E. Georgie Batchelder, teaching 10 weeks .	65.00
John P. Brown, teaching 9 weeks	76.50
Hannah M. Stanyan, teaching 9 weeks . .	58.50
Gyrta Bartlett, teaching 8 weeks	52.00
Total expenditures	\$955.85
Balance in hands of treasurer, February 15, 1878	25.73

Respectfully submitted,

ABRAHAM L. WEST,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer of the school district and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

OLIVER DRAKE,
W. S. LANGMAID,

Auditors.

CHICHESTER, February 15, 1898.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	Number of terms..	Names of teachers.	No. of weeks of school.	Wages per month.	No. of scholars.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.	No. in Physiology.	No. in History.	No. in Bookkeeping.	No. in Penmanship.
1	{ First	E. G. Batchelder.....	10	\$26	14	14	14	..	12	4	11	2	2	..	14
	{ Second...	E. G. Batchelder.....	10	26	22	22	22	1	19	8	18	..	3	..	22
	{ Third	Hannah Stanyan.....	9	26	17	17	17	1	15	4	11	2	3	..	17
2	{ First	F. A. Stevens.....	10	24	14	14	14	2	14	5	14	11	5	..	14
	{ Second...	F. A. Stevens.....	10	24	12	12	9	..	12	4	12	9	3	1	12
	{ Third	F. A. Stevens.....	9	24	12	12	12	..	12	8	12	9	3	1	12
5	{ First.....	Gyrta Bartlett.....	10	20	7	7	7	..	6	4	6	2	2	..	7
	{ Second...	F. L. Towle.....	10	26	21	21	21	..	18	12	12	3	3	..	18
	{ Third	Gyrta Bartlett.....	9	26	12	12	12	..	12	4	6	8	1	..	12
6	{ First	M. L. Kimball.....	11	36	37	37	37	2	37	14	18	15	7	4	37
	{ Second...	A. C. Tasker.....	10	40	34	34	34	1	30	18	14	12	3	1	34
	{ Third	A. C. Tasker... ..	9	40	32	32	32	..	30	22	21	12	5	..	32
8	{ First	E. F. Griffin.....	10	40	19	19	19	..	19	12	10	6	..	1	19
	{ Second...	E. F. Griffin.....	10	40	20	20	20	3	20	11	17	3	1	3	20
	{ Third	John P. Brown.....	9	34	19	19	19	..	17	9	13	12	..	..	19

Births Registered in the Town of Chichester, for the Year Ending February 15, 1898.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex and condition.				Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.	Age of mother.
			Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.								
Mar. 28	Chichester.	.....	.....	F.	L.	3	W.	Munroe Mitchell.....	Annie M. Towle.....	W. Chichester.....	Laborer.....	East Fairfield, Vt.	Chichester....	43 24	
May 1	"	Fred W. Langmaid.	M.	.....	"	3	"	Walter S. Langmaid.....	Julia E. Sanborn.....	"	Farmer.....	Chichester.....	"	35 30	
June 15	"	.....	.....	F.	"	1	"	Nat S. Kaime.....	Mary W. Burnham..	"	.....	St. Louis, Mo.	Mass	29 23	
July 3	"	Frederick Joseph	M.	.....	"	2	"	William Welcome....	Hattie E. Russ.....	"	Farmer.....	Concord	Salem, Mass..	35 29	
Oct. 26	"	.....	.....	F.	"	3	"	Frank C. Winslow....	Mary J. Lake.....	"	"	London.....	Chichester....	29 24	
Dec. 9	"	.....	.....	F.	"	2	"	Edwin Sanborn.....	Lenora Call.....	"	"	Chichester	"	29 22	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ALBERT S. DAME, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages registered in the Town of Chichester for the Year Ending February 15, 1898.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age of each in years.	(Color of each.)	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Apr. 11 Chichester....		David O. Twombly..	Chichester....	24		Farmer	Stratford....	Paul H. Twombly....	Jackson.....	.....	1	F. D. Chandler, Cong. clergyman, Chichester.
		Bernice E. Brown....	Northwood. . .	18		Housekeeper	Northwood.	Frank Brown.....	.....	Shoe-maker.	1	
Sept. 1 "		Joseph S. Marston....	Chichester	36	All White.	Farmer	Pittsfield ...	Oliver G. Marston ...	Pittsfield....	Carpenter.	1	F. D. Chandler,
		Lettie M. Greene,...	"	37	All White.	Housekeeper..	Chichester..	Junia Shurburne	Chichester.	1	Cong. clergyman, Chichester.
								James Greene.....	London	Farmer....		
								Eunice Tilton.....	Pittsfield....		

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ALBERT S. DAME, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths registered in the Town of Chichester for the Year Ending February 15, 1898.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Age.			Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Cause of death.	Name and P. O. address of physician (or other person) reporting death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.				Father.	Mother.				
1897.													
Mar. 3	Wilmington	3	18		M.			Chichester.		John K. Towle	Abbie Nickerson	Dropsy	Dr. Mitchell, London.
" 9	Julia C. Brown	58	5	18	F.		W. Ho'sek'per	Chichester.		Jonathan Towle	Sarah Fellows	Tumor	Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.
" 28	Sarah F. Haines	76	5	1	"		"	Chichester.		Samuel Liscomb	Lydia Gray	Dropsy	Dr. Megrath, London.
Apr. 23	Richard W. Liscomb	77	11	5	M.	White	M. Farmer	Bristol, R. I.		Stephen Perkins	Sally Davis	Disease of the heart.	Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.
July 9	Charles Lake				"		"					Old age	Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.
Sept. 19	Stephen Perkins	91	5		"	All White	W.	Maine.	Lee	Stephen Perkins	Sally Davis	Pneumonia	Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.
Nov. 2	Mrs. Sylvester Kelley	65	5		F.		M. Ho'sek'per	Kingston		Daniel Ayer	Polly Leavitt	Apoplexy	Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.
" 26	Abigail M. Sanders	71	1	1	"		"	London				Apoplexy	Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.
1898.													
Feb. 9.	Fred N. Heath	63			M.								Dr. A. H. French, Pittsfield.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my knowledge and belief.

ALBERT S. DAME, Town Clerk.

